

UNCONVENTIONAL FUELS

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources continued hearings entitled “Unconventional Fuels, Part II: The Promise of Methane Hydrates.” Testimony was heard from Timothy S. Collett, Research Geologist, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior; Ray Boswell, Senior Management and Technology Advisor, National Energy Technology Laboratory, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2802, To provide for an extension of the legislative authority of the Adams Memorial Foundation to establish a commemorative work in honor of former President John Adams and his legacy; H.R. 2806, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to adjust the boundary of the Stephen Mather Wilderness and the North Cascades National Park in order to allow the rebuilding of a road outside of the floodplain while ensuring that there is no net loss of acreage to the Park or the Wilderness; and H.R. 3113, Upper Elk River Wild and Scenic Study Act. Testimony was heard from Daniel N. Wenk, Acting Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; Linda Evans Parlette, Senator, State of Washington; Doug England, Commissioner, Chelan County, State of Washington; and public witnesses.

**DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS;
USPS'S STATION AND BRANCH
INITIATIVE AND DELIVERY ROUTE
ADJUSTMENTS**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Service and the District of Columbia approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2517, Domestic Partnership Benefits and Obligations Act of 2009.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing entitled “Making Sense of It All: An Examination of USPS's Station and Branch Optimization Initiative and Delivery Route Adjustments.” Testimony was heard from Representative Sires; Jordan Small, Acting Vice President, Network Operations, U.S. Postal Service; John Waller, Director, Office of Accountability and Compliance, Postal Rate Commission; Phillip Herr, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

**NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS
ADMINISTRATION ORGANIZATIONAL
ISSUES**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Information Policy, Census, and National Archives held a hearing entitled “National Archives and Records Administration Organizational Issues.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the National Archives and Records Administration: Adrienne C. Thomas, Acting Archivist; and Paul Brachfeld, Inspector General.

**CORPORATE AND FINANCIAL
INSTITUTION COMPENSATION FAIRNESS
ACT OF 2009**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 3269, the “Corporate and Financial Institution Compensation Fairness Act of 2009,” with one hour of general debate in the House equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Financial Services now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives all points of order against provisions of the bill, as amended. The rule provides that the bill, as amended, shall be considered as read.

The rule makes in order the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules if offered by Rep. Frank or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for 10 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule also makes in order the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the report, if offered by Representative Garrett or his designee, which shall be separately debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report except for clauses 9 and 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. The rule also provides that during consideration of an amendment printed in the report, the Chair may postpone the question of adoption as though under clause 8 of rule XX. Finally the rule provides that in the engrossment of the bill, the Clerk is authorized to make technical and conforming changes to amendatory instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Frank, Representatives Bachus and Sessions.